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A STORAGE SYSTEM COUPLED TO A NETWORK

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 17, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and entry of this amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

Applicant presents the claims as amended below and encloses two separate sheets indicating the amendments to the claims with bracketing and underlining.

1. A data management method for managing access to a plurality of volumes of a storage system by at least two devices coupled to the storage system through a network, the method comprising steps of: